

fields and the provincial governments operated in other fields. They each did a good job. But the procedure nowadays, with the spending of money by two separate sets of officials operating in the same fields is wasteful. More money could be saved and more efficiency achieved if we could eliminate that duplication and overlapping, and I think it is something for us to study in the future.

I wish to close by saying that I join very heartily in the tribute paid to the chairman and to the members of the committee.

Hon. Mr. Leonard: Honourable senators—

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I must inform honourable senators that if honourable Senator Leonard speaks now it will have the effect of closing the debate.

Hon. T. D'Arcy Leonard: Honourable senators, I rise first of all to express appreciation to those who have spoken in support of the report, namely, Senator Haig, Senator Molson and Senator Burchill. I should also add my appreciation of the remarks of Senator O'Leary (Carleton) concerning the committee, in dealing with the supply bill. May I also add my thanks for the kind remarks about my personal participation in the affairs of this committee.

Senator Burchill has made reference to possible fields of study to be undertaken by the committee in the future, and Senator O'Leary (Carleton) has suggested that the matter of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation might be studied. Referring to Senator Burchill's remarks regarding witnesses, I should say that we had no difficulty whatever in having witnesses appear before us. This applies so far as the witnesses themselves and the appropriate Government ministers were concerned. The only difficulty we had, and I cite this as an example of the spirit of co-operation that exists, was when the Auditor General was scheduled to appear before the Public Accounts Committee of the House of Commons on the same date as he had arranged to appear before our committee. He was in the hands of both Houses of Parliament, and I want to pay a tribute to the Public Accounts Committee of the other place and to their chairman, Mr. Baldwin, for agreeing that Mr. Henderson should appear before the Senate Committee and for postponing their own hearing to another day to facilitate this.

As you all know, the Finance Committee is a standing committee of this Senate, and therefore having discharged this present reference to us, if after the Christmas recess—assuming we are going to have a recess—the Senate desires this committee to undertake

any further study, I am sure I can assure you that it will be ready to do so.

I move the adoption of the report.

Report adopted.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. A. J. Brooks: Honourable senators, perhaps this is a good time to ask the Leader of the Government what business we might expect to await us when we return on December 14.

Hon. John J. Connolly: I thank the honourable Senator Brooks for raising the point. At the time I made the motion that the Senate do adjourn until December 14, I did not mention, although I am sure it is thoroughly understood by all honourable senators, that this adjournment is subject to recall. It may be that we shall have to return before December 14. I think all honourable senators now understand that, as does the general public.

When we return on the evening of the 14th, subject to what may come to us by way of message from the other place, I would propose that we proceed with the three motions standing in my name in respect of the trade agreements. I understand that the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce has scheduled a meeting for the evening of December 14, after the Senate rises. Whatever other business will be before us on the following and subsequent days will be dealt with as it arises. I am afraid my crystal ball is a little cloudy, and I cannot go further than that at this time.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: May I ask the honourable leader if there are any priorities as far as business is concerned. Has the Government any particular priority regarding, for instance, the labour code, or the flag, or how they will be presented in this chamber?

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): As I understand it, the priority before the other place at the moment is the flag question. They are dealing with the report of the special committee on the flag. I understand they propose to deal with that to a conclusion.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: What do you mean by a conclusion? They cannot conclude the matter of the flag in the other place. It is a matter for both Houses of Parliament.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): By saying "to a conclusion" I simply meant that they will deal with whether the report should be adopted or rejected. If the report is adopted, I assume then that the house will have finished its consideration of the